

BOOKS RECEIVED/NOTICES

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MAGNUS JOHNSON. 2001. **The Genus Clematis. Edited and Translated by Bengt Sundström.** (ISBN 91-631-1030-X, hbk.). Magnus Johnson Plantskola AB and Bengt Sundström, Bränningestrandsvägen 63, 151 39 SÖDERTÄLJE, Sweden. (Orders: 08-550 979 77; +468 550 970 77). \$110.00, 896 pp, 24 gouaches, about 100 illustrations from classical literature and ink drawings by the author, about 170 color photos, 6 3/4" × 9 1/2".

This book is quite the summary of *Clematis*. It represents 60 years of knowledge as a botanist, landscape architect and nurseymen (Magnus Johnson) of clematis. The first part (**Clematis: a stimulant in the garden**) deals with history, horticultural aspects, and the cultivation and propagation of clematis. The second part (**Scientific description of Clematis**) covers scientific descriptions of clematis including many new names and new combinations. The third part addresses **Descriptions of sections species and cultivars**. If you grow or want to grow clematis then you will want this book.

PETER F. YEO. 2002. **Hardy Geraniums. Second Edition.** (ISBN 0-88192-541-1, hbk.). Timber Press, Inc., 133 S.W. Second Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, 800-327-5680, 503-227-2878, 503-227-3070 fax). \$34.95, 218 pp, 57 color photos, 151 line illustrations, 7 3/8" × 9 3/4".

From the Preface: "The expression 'hardy geraniums' is the favoured one in horticultural circles for distinguishing *Geranium* of the botanists from *Pelargonium*, and it therefore forms the title of this book." *Geranium* it is and nearly all *Geranium* species have some ornamental value according to the author. This is a comprehensive guide and one that is beautifully illustrated with fantastic color pictures. The b/w line drawings are exceptionally nice. Whether you are a botanist or geranium enthusiast you can't go wrong with this book.

FR. JOHN L. FIALA. 1988 (paper back edition 2002). **Lilacs: The Genus Syringa.** (ISBN 0-88192-530-6, pbk.). Timber Press, Inc., 133 S.W. Second Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, 800-327-5680, 503-227-2878, 503-227-3070 fax). \$34.95, 372 pp, 395 color illustrations, 82 b/w photos, 22 line drawings, 3 charts, 1 bn/w photo, 2 keys, 1 map, 8 1/2" × 11".

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